

Cathedral Church of Saint John  
Concord Avenue and North Market Street  
Wilmington  
New Castle County  
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE DELAWARE	COUNTY NEW CASTLE	TOWN OR VICINITY WILMINGTON
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN		HABS NO. DE-204
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Concord Avenue and North Market Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1857-58 (church records)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) John Notman (church records)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This is the last documented church design produced by Notman, and is a fine example of the Early English gothic style. It was commissioned by Alexis I. duPont as a memorial to his brother-in-law, Dr. Thomas Markey Smith.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Early English Gothic		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Stone on stone foundation, slate gable roof, stone window surrounds, stone tracery		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Irregular		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Brandywine granite walls with buttresses, a granite buttressed tower with needle spike, stone parapet walls, each gable, slate roof, lancet windows some with stone tracery; wing has double and triple casement windows set in light grey, dressed stone surrounds		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Nave with transepts and chancel five wooden lancet arches springing from hammer beams with ring posts and collar braces, an arch of carved wood separating the sanctuary and the presbytry, a white marble altar against a marble background in the north transept.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Additions made in the late 19th century and the installation of the Chapel of the Innocents in the South transept in 1936		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Cathedral church of the Episcopal Diocese of Wilmington		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places as part of the Brandywine Village Historic District, Delaware Cultural Resource Survey (DE-1449)		
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